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In re patent application of: William HARRIS *et al.*

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For: POLYETHYLENE HIP JOINT PROSTHESIS WITH EXTENDED RANGE OF MOTION

Preliminary Amendment

This application is a continuation of PCT/US99/16070

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Before action by the Examiner, please amend the captioned application as set forth below.

In the Specification

Page 1, lines 6-11, please replace the entire paragraph with

-- This application is a continuation of PCT/US99/16070, filed July 16, 1999, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference. --

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 2-36 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following Claims:

37. (new) A surface replacement hip joint prosthesis comprising:
- a. an acetabular cup that includes a load bearing portion and can embrace a femur cup; and
  - b. a femur cup that has a mating portion and defines a cavity that accommodates a femur head;